

Amendments to the Claims:

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A fibre having a plurality of regions printed on front and rear sides of said fibre, wherein said regions are coloured and the colours are visible only under ultra-violet light.
2. (Previously Presented) A fibre as claimed in claim 1, wherein said regions are striped regions and said striped regions include two or more differently coloured striped regions.
3. (Previously Presented) A fibre as claimed in claim 2, wherein said striped regions are placed at about 1mm gradations.
4. (Currently Amended) A fibre as claimed in claim 2 ~~or claim 3~~, wherein the coloured striped regions appear in the same order in a repeating pattern.
5. (Currently Amended) A fibre as claimed in claim 2 ~~or claim 3~~, wherein said fibre comprises only two striped regions, the first striped region having a first colour and the second striped region having a second colour.
6. (Previously Presented) A fibre as claimed in claim 5, wherein each of said striped regions covers half of said fibre.
7. (Currently Amended) A fibre as claimed in ~~any one of claims 2 to 4~~ claim 2, wherein said striped regions include three or more differently coloured striped regions.
8. (Original) A fibre as claimed in claim 1, wherein the regions are arranged in a pseudo-random pattern.
9. (Currently Amended) A fibre as claimed in ~~claim 1 or~~ claim 8, wherein said regions include two differently coloured regions.
10. (Original) A fibre as claimed in claim 9, wherein said fibre comprises only two regions.
11. (Original) A fibre as claimed in claim 10, wherein each of said regions covers half of said fibre.

12. (Currently Amended) A fibre as claimed in ~~claim 1 or~~ claim 8, wherein said regions include three or more differently coloured regions.
13. (Currently Amended) A fibre as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the regions are printed such that regions on the front and rear sides are in register with one another and have the same colour.
14. (Currently Amended) A fibre as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the regions abut one another with no overlap of colour at the boundaries of the regions.
15. (Currently Amended) A fibre as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the fibre is cut from a larger fibre.
16. (Currently Amended) A fibre as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein a varnish is applied to the outer surface of the fibre.
17. (Currently Amended) A fibre as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the fibre is manufactured from tissue paper.
18. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing a fibre, the method comprising the steps of printing a plurality of regions on front and rear sides of said fibre, wherein said regions are coloured and the colours are visible only under ultra-violet light.
19. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 18, wherein said regions are striped regions and said striped regions include two or more differently coloured striped regions.
20. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 19, wherein said striped regions are placed at about 1mm gradations.
21. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 19 ~~or claim 20~~ and further comprising the step of printing the plurality of coloured striped regions in the same order in a repeating pattern.
22. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 19 ~~or claim 20~~, wherein said fibre comprises only two striped regions, the first striped region having a first colour and the second striped region having a second colour.

23. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 22, wherein each of said striped regions covers half of said fibre.
24. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 19 to 21~~ claim 19, wherein said striped regions include three or more differently coloured striped regions.
25. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the regions are arranged in a pseudo-random pattern.
26. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~claim 18 or~~ claim 25, wherein said regions include two differently coloured regions.
27. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 26, wherein said fibre comprises only two regions.
28. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 27, wherein each of said regions covers half of said fibre.
29. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~claim 18 or~~ claim 25, wherein said regions include three or more differently coloured regions.
30. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 18 to 29~~ claim 18, wherein the regions are printed such that regions on the front and rear sides are in register with one another and have the same colour.
31. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 18 to 30~~ claim 18, wherein the regions abut one another with no overlap of colour at the boundaries of the regions.
32. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 18 to 31~~ claim 18, wherein the fibre is cut from a larger fibre.
33. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 18 to 32~~ claim 18, wherein the method further comprises the step of applying a varnish to the outer surface of the fibre.
34. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 18 to 33~~ claim 18, wherein the fibre is manufactured from tissue paper.

35. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a paper product, the method comprising the steps of:

mixing one or more fibres as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 17~~ claim 1 ~~or one or more fibres manufactured using the method of any one of claims 18 to 34~~ with slurry paper pulp such that the fibres form a hydrogen bond with the cellulose fibre in the paper pulp; and
forming the paper pulp and fibre mix into a continuous web of paper.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (New) A method of manufacturing a paper product comprising the steps of:

mixing one or more fibres manufactured using the method of claim 18 with slurry paper pulp such that the fibres form a hydrogen bond with the cellulose fibre in the paper pulp; and
forming the paper pulp and fibre mix into a continuous web of paper.

38. (New) A paper product containing a plurality of fibres as claimed in claim 1.

39. (New) A paper product containing a plurality of fibres manufactured using the method of claim 18.